Circular—Visit of Mahatma Gandhi.

179. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there was any Government circular prohibiting Government servants from taking any part in connection with Mahatma Gandhi's visit in the State;

(2) if so, whether a copy of the circular be placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No.

(2) The question does not arise.

Concession to the Kudumbi-chetty Community.

180. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—അധഃകൃതവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു ഇന്നു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ചെയ്യുവരുന്ന എല്ലാ സഹായങ്ങളും കുടുമ്മിചെട്ടിസമുദായത്തിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കും ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ—ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ഇവരെ ഏതു സമുദായക്കാരായിട്ടാണു് ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതു്; അധഃകൃതരായിട്ടോ സവർണ്ണരായിട്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അവരെ ബാക്ക്വേഡ് ക്ലാസ്സായിട്ടാണു് ചേർത്തിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇ. ഇക്കണ്ടവാരിയർ.—അവർക്കും ഈ സഹായങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ കാരണമെന്തു്? അവർ അധഃകൃതർ അല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അവർ ബാക്ക്വേഡ് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റിയിൽ പെട്ടവരാണു്.

Lights at canal—mouths.

181. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) referring to answer to question No. 450 of the last budget session, have lights been put up at important canal mouths;

(b) if so, how many lights have been put up, and at the mouth of what canals?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The necessary posts have been got ready. They will be planted and lighting arranged for soon.

(b) 15 lights are proposed to be put up now. A list of the places is appended (*Appendix VI.*)

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What kind of posts are these?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Rail posts.

Standard weights and measures prescribed by the State.

182. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the general provisions made, if any, to see that standard weights and measures alone are used in public places such as bazaars and markets;

(b) has any specific provision been made to periodically examine and check the correctness of the weights used in public places as mentioned above;

(c) if provision has been made, what are the provisions made and the authority to work out the provisions;

(d) what are the specific acts of the said authority during the years 1107 and 1108 to show that the authority has been properly functioning during the period?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) The Station House Officers have been given powers under section 134 of the Criminal Procedure Code to search any place where they have reason to believe that false weights and measures are kept for fraudulent purposes and to inspect and seize such weights and measures.

Sections 240, 241 and 242 of the Penal Code have also made the use of weights and measures other than standard ones, punishable.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Station House Officers have instructions to periodically check the weights and measures under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code.

(d) Several shops were inspected by the Station House Officers and 2 cases in 1107 and 5 cases in 1108 were detected and the offenders concerned prosecuted.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are any reports submitted after the checking by the Station House Officers periodically?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, only when cases are detected.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Therefore, there are no records to show that they were inspected if there is no detection?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government ever been informed that there are different kinds of stamped paras in the Chittur Market?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not that I know of.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—After inspection?

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